

15. (New) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said formatter generates management information, and said recorder section records the generated management information in the management area of said information medium.

16. (New) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the management area of said information medium is configured to store packet length information, said packet length information indicating a size of the data packets.

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17. (New) A bitstream data processing apparatus coupled with a decoder box and using a recordable information medium having a data area and a management area, wherein a bitstream including information of one or more encoded signals is recorded in a form of data packets in the data area of said information medium, said apparatus comprising:

a reproducer section configured to reproduce the bitstream from the data area of said information medium; and

a transfer section configured to transfer the data packets in the reproduced bitstream from the reproducer section to the decoder box in which the data packets including the information of one or more encoded signals are decoded.

18. (New) An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the management area of said information medium is configured to store packet length information, said packet length information indicating a size of the data packets.--

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

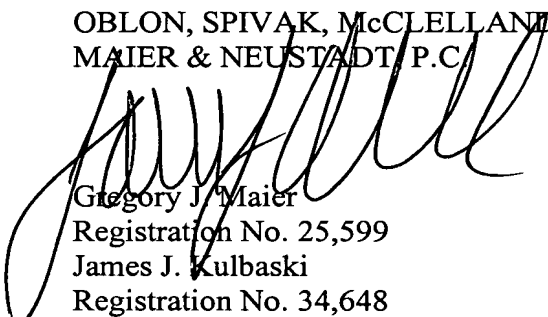
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Claims 14-18 are currently pending in this application, Claims 1-13 having been canceled and Claims 14-18 added by way of the present Preliminary Amendment.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 14-18 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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